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OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDE AND ITS USE TO INDUCE AN IMMUNE RESPONSE

D type CpG oligodeoxynucleotides are provided herein that include a sequence represented by the following formula:

5' $X_1X_2X_3Pu_1$ Py₂ CpG Pu₃ Py₄ $X_4X_5X_6$ (W)_M (G)_N-3'

wherein the central CpG motif is unmethylated, Pu is a purine nucleotide, Py is a pyrimidine nucleotide, X and W are any nucleotide, M is any integer from 0 to 10, and N is any integer from 4 to 10. Methods of using these oligodeoxynucleotides to induce an immune response are provided.

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